## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereb	y state that I l	nave reviewed	and understand the co	ontents of the	above
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I ackno	wledge the d	uty to disclose	information which is	material to t	he
examination of	this applicat	ion in accorda	nce with Title 37, Coo	de of Federal	Regulations,
§1,56(a).					
I hereb	y claim foreig	gn priority ben	efits under Title 35, U	Jnited States	Code, §119
of any foreign	application(s)	) for patent or	inventor's certificate	listed below	and have also
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: N/A

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1,56(a).which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: N/A

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I do hereby appoint Paul M. Denk, Patent Office registration No. 22,598, with offices at 763 South New Ballas Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, Tel. No. (314) 872-8136, as my attorney and agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application above set forth, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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